

## GOOD TIMES COMING TO MAKE LIVING CHEAPER

Prosperity Holds Out Double Promise According to Review of Whole Country—Era of Plenty Prior to Panic Will Be Eclipsed by That Under Way.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 16.—The cheering information that the prosperity which can no longer be gainsaid or require reference in faint and cautious terms will soon develop into cheaper living, along with increasing industrial revival, is furnished by the returns of several thousand trained correspondents for the crop and business report of the Commercial National Bank of Chicago.

A general summary of the financial, commercial and industrial conditions the country over shows that the conditions that ebbed in October, 1907, has developed so rapidly during the last three months, and now includes so many lines and has gained such momentum that, with fundamental conditions all favorable, a relapse is no longer to be feared. The situation is likened to the starting of an eight-horse team. Owing to the interdependence of modern society, the resuming machinery of industrialism has gained such momentum that even the lagging crops must turn.

All of the signs that denote rising prosperity, and all the conditions precedent are at hand, the review declares. The wreckage of the panic has been cleared away, the apprehension which it aroused has disappeared, and the people are facing the future with an optimism and courage born of knowledge of the wonderful resources of this country. Shelves are bare of surplus goods, and the country has grown up to its facilities and equipment. At this opportune time to inaugurate a new era of prosperity comes the best all-around crop ever produced in this country.

**Crops to Cheaper Food.**  
The value of such a crop at this juncture is inestimable, the bank's review points out, for all lines of business will feel its stimulating influence, and all classes will share in its benefit. The farming class has enjoyed a remarkable period of prosperity, covering the last eleven years, and its buying power has been the great steadying factor of the country since the late depression began.

But the prices of all farm products, which have reached in recent months the highest general level ever known, have been oppressive to the consumer and the source of much discontent. Food crops of 1909 are so generous in their proportions that a noticeable decline in the cost of living may be expected, while the farmer will make up in quantity what he loses in price, and continue to be as good a customer as heretofore. Wheat on the harvest reports, has declined 15 cents a bushel, and if the present prospects for corn are realized, meats will be cheaper. Large crops of oats, barley, flax and hay also mean more food for live stock and lower prices for dairy products and other table foods.

At the same time the unprecedented volume of the crops will supply a heavy business for the railroads, warehousemen, millers, packers and middlemen, furnish additional employment for labor and stimulate the demand for equipment and supplies. The trade centers that are in immediate touch with the best agricultural districts, such as St. Paul, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City, Des Moines and Sioux City, make very rosy reports upon trade conditions and prospects.

**Railroad Situation Normal.**  
According to the bank's information, on railroad conditions, the situation is practically normal, especially so on all the principal lines out of Chicago. Their troubles two years ago were various and threatening. The costs of operation had been rapidly increasing and hostile legislation was both reducing their revenues and impairing their credit. They did not object so strenuously to national regulation, but the general movement by the States to fix rates and conditions was alarming. Early in 1907 the collapse of the market for railway securities forced an early and complete reorganization, and extensions and improvements, while the panic and decline of revenue stopped them temporarily. A policy of rigid economy was adopted, under the necessity of which tens of thousands of employees were laid off, but the wage rate was generally maintained.

Railway earnings were severely affected during the first months following the panic, due to the disposition throughout the business world to reduce stocks of merchandise and curtail operations, but, gradually, important and important, which were the prosperity of the agricultural sections and the stimulus given to building operations by low-priced material, made themselves felt in heavier traffic. One of the leading trunk lines to the West reports merchandise loadings

at Chicago in July, 1909, 11.6 per cent. above July, 1907. As earnings improved and the money market began to absorb railway bonds on favorable terms, and the State Legislatures assumed a milder attitude, the skies looked brighter to the railway manager, and he began to listen to his purchasing agents who argued that railway equipment and supplies were temptingly low, and that they could not abstain from buying much longer. He listened also to the reports of his division superintendents upon the crop prospects and the likelihood of a car shortage, and began to give orders. And, finally, within recent weeks projects covering new construction work have been taken up and extensions and improvements are now again under consideration.

The railroads are not yet spending money as they did in the years 1905-07, but at the rate the traffic of the country is developing they must continue to improve their facilities for handling it. Money is now obtainable on fair terms and a good degree of activity in railway construction may be expected next year.

**The Industries Thriving.**  
Building operations throughout the country are now on an unprecedented scale, the permits issued in cities where records are kept showing for the first six months of this year values 50 per cent. over the first six months of 1908, and slightly in excess of the phenomenal year 1907. The importance of this situation in the great building industry is far-reaching, for not only does it mean that the building trades are fully employed at the 1907 scale of wages, or better, and that the allied industries producing building material are recovering from the disaster that struck them in 1907, but it is significant of the spirit of confidence which pervades the country.

The activity in construction, the renewal of purchases by railways and the increasing orders due to the exhaustion of mercantile stocks, has worked a revolution in the iron and steel industry. From a condition of great depression it has come back since February to practically normal activity. Wages have been fully restored, prices have had a reasonable advance, and manufacturers generally predict that 1910 will be the greatest year in the history of the industry. A striking demonstration is afforded of the remarkable rapidity of industrial development in the fact that despite the fact that the steel-making capacity in the last ten years, all the large producers are now planning important extensions, the announcements to this effect within recent months aggregating approximately \$100,000,000.

The production of copper is the greatest on record and that of lead rapidly approaching normal. The manufacturers of heavy machinery, power plants and electrical equipment, all of whom suffered a practical suspension of business in 1908, are up to about 75 per cent. of their capacity and look for full activity next year. The textile manufacturers are generally running to their capacity, which is being considerably enlarged by new mills and additions. The manufacturers of agricultural implements never had a better business. The automobile industry is still making phenomenal gains, the planters are now complaining the silverware business is good, and, generally speaking, the demand for luxuries warrants the conclusion that reasonably good times are here.

**Reduction of Costs.**  
Most manufacturers report a reduction of costs as a result of the depression, ranging up to 25 per cent. Wage reductions were few, but the chief gain has been in the higher efficiency of labor. One firm reported its cost savings 7 per cent. in rate of wages, 15 per cent. in increased efficiency and 3 per cent. in supplies. As business increases in volume this gain in efficiency tends to disappear, as the fringe of inferior labor which is always next to loss employment is taken back.

In many lines the demand for labor already exceeds the supply, this being particularly true of high class mechanics. An automobile manufacturer writes: "Our business is being somewhat limited by the lack of competent labor. We believe there has never been in this country such a demand for competent, high-skilled workmen as exists to-day. An important Chicago firm manufacturing railway equipment gave its force a voluntary advance in wages recently in order to hold them and secure the additions required to turn out the new orders being received."

The full times have furnished an opportunity and an incentive to manufacturers to reorganize their establishments.

## CHINATOWN'S LATEST MURDER MYSTERY



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BOW KIM  
CAPTAIN MICHAEL J. CALVIN  
BOW KIM WAS SLAIN

Weapons of the LOO HOK BROTHERHOOD  
DIRK WITH WHICH BOW KIM WAS SLAIN

Shishmen and improve their methods. Merchants have had a valuable lesson upon the subject of overstocking under the pressure and stimulus of good trade, and permanent economies and lasting benefits will result.

The country is by no means back to the 1906-'07 degree of pressure in business affairs, the bank review concludes. The situation is more or less uneven, some lines quite recovered, others not doing so well, but all gaining, and all confident that an abundant period of prosperity is beginning.

### BROTHERS WILL VISIT THEIR BATTLE GRAVES

Burial Places on Gettysburg Field Marked With Their Names.

DELMAR, PA., August 16.—S. N. Boyden and his brother, Alfred, are planning a visit to their graves in the national burying-ground at Gettysburg. The graves are grass-grown and marked with their names in regulation government manner.

Of course, it was a mistake. After the battle letters belonging to the Boyden brothers were found inside dead bodies on the field of battle. They had cast the letters away with other superfluous field equipment. When the field was cleaned and the dead buried, it was thought the bodies were of the Boyden brothers.

### COLT CALLS AID TO MOTHER

Brings Ballplayers to Rescue of Mire Mired in Creek.

PLEASANT HILL, MO., August 16.—At a ball game here, the attention of the crowd was attracted to a pretty Shetland colt, which approached the bleachers from the direction of a creek, 200 yards beyond first base.

The Shetland baby appeared to be in trouble. Various people on the lines fondled the little fellow, and presently it turned and retraced its way to the creek. At the edge of the creek bluff it paused but for an instant, and after looking intently over the bluff it wheeled about once more, and returned to the right field bleachers. Walker Brannock and Lloyd McKee noticed the unusual actions of the colt, and when it once more turned and started for the creek, they followed.

The mystery was explained when they looked over the bluff, for there, mired in the deep mud, and with her head barely out of the water, was the little bay mother of the Shetland colt. Other persons were summoned to the scene, and willing hands soon delivered the little mare from her predicament.

### OUT OF BARBER'S CHAIR TO DIE

Prominent Man Expires Just After Being Shaved.

CHESTER, PA., August 16.—William D. Taylor, formerly of Hagerstown, Eddy, stone, and one of the best-known residents of that borough, fell dead just after being shaved at a barber's shop. "I feel funny," exclaimed Mr. Taylor, and fell in a heap on the floor. He was proprietor of a chain of grocery stores and was prominent in Masonic circles.

### HEARING RAILROAD CASE.

Atlantic Coast Line Appears Against South Carolina Commission.

ASHVILLE, N. C., August 16.—Judge Pritchard to-day began the hearing of the case of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company against the Railroad Commission of South Carolina, deferring further argument of counsel until to-morrow morning. He had heard addresses from Attorney-General Lyon and former Attorney-General Bellinger, representing the commission, and Attorneys Elliott and Davis, of Wilmington, for the railroad.

The case is being heard on a rule against the defendants to show cause why the temporary injunction issued some days ago should not be continued until the final hearing. The bill of the railway company sets forth that the Railroad Commission some time ago made an order requiring the railroad to operate an extra passenger and mail train between Conway, S. C., and the North Carolina line.

It is alleged that the real purpose sought is to compel the railroad to operate such train beyond the State line to Chadbourn, N. C., some miles beyond the border—since there is not even a station at the line and no traffic to be served at points between it and Conway; and that the commission, aware that it could not require the operation of trains in Chadbourn, because this is in another State, sought to accomplish the same result indirectly by requiring the train to run to the State line.

## Real Estate News

Though no important sales were announced yesterday by real estate dealers, it was stated by N. W. Bowe and Son that they had just opened up a new suburban property, to be called "East Lawn," which is situated at Patton Hill, just outside of the city limits, and which overlooks the Chesapeake and Ohio shops, the Cedar Works and the hub and wheel factory.

The firm will grade and level the streets, and lay concrete sidewalks, the work on which has already begun. The property is to be divided into small home sites, which will be sold on small cash payments, with easy terms for the balance. There will be no taxes and no interest on the instalments. The lots will be placed on the market in about a week.

House renting is said to be going on apace, despite the alarm felt in the beginning of the season that there would be more vacant houses this year than ever before. As matters are progressing now, it seems probable

that there will be fewer vacant houses this year than during any previous twelvemonth. N. W. Bowe and Son closed several leases last week, and they have now only three vacant houses east of Lombardy Street to rent. Last week they leased 921 West Franklin Street to W. S. Forbes; 3 East Franklin to Malcolm G. Bruce; 808 West Franklin to Mrs. Alice Bernard; 107 East Grace Street, 108 East Franklin, 303 East Franklin and 104 North Linden Street to Mrs. Mann S. Quarles; two houses in Barton Heights, on Luck Avenue, and ten or twelve small properties. This firm reports last week to have been the best they have had in the last two or three years.

W. Duncan Lee, architect, has just received acceptance for his plans and drawings of a large office building, twelve or fourteen stories high, in Portland, Ore. The owners of the building projected are Smith and Everette, one of the largest real estate firms in the Western city. Mr. Lee expects to visit Richmond in October to make the final arrangements, and, after the work is commenced, he will have one of his employees constantly at work supervising the new building.

D. Wiley Anderson, architect, has asked for bids, through the Builders' Exchange, on the residence of Leon Wallerstein, on Monument Avenue. The bidders, so far, are George D. Priddy, R. J. Gillespie, C. H. Nicholson, W. S. Ragland and Company, John F. Blum, Joseph Heye, A. C. Houston and J. W. Hall.

Bids on the revised plans and specifications for the Stump Hotel, to be erected at the corner of Eighth and Main Streets, Carl Ruehrmund, architect, will be opened to-morrow at 4 o'clock. The bidders are W. A. Chertman, John Drever, C. W. Lambert, A. C. Houston, John Schwine, the Mitchell Brothers, of Philadelphia, and the Carthead-Carolina Construction Company, of Greensboro, N. C.

John G. Farland yesterday refused the bids on the plans and specifications for Scarborough and Howell, architects, for his residence. They were expected to have been opened to-morrow.

Two or three out-of-town parties were in Richmond yesterday looking for acreage property to be subdivided into home sites. They looked at several places on Brook Road, near Chamberlayne Avenue, and negotiations are now pending for a sale. There is every probability that they will buy up a parcel of land and develop it into town lots.

**Permits to Build.**  
Mrs. R. S. Bowe, to rebuild front porch and repair three-story brick dwelling, 2 East Franklin, to cost \$300.  
John F. Ragland, to repair and build frame bay window east side 218 Grove Avenue, to cost \$85.  
A. Feitig, to repair and erect one-story addition to brick dwelling 711 East Main, to cost \$1,200.

**In Police Court.**  
In the Police Court yesterday morning, there was several minor offenders—James Archer, Mary Clarke, Kate Quarles, Truby Malone, Henry Harris, and Virgie Harris—each of whom was fined \$2.50 and costs for disorderly conduct.

**Alleged Swindler.**  
W. A. Joiner, colored, who claims to be a preacher and mission worker, was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. It is charged that Joiner had been making a good thing from money secured for the alleged purpose of building an asylum in Richmond for indigent negroes, and there is strong evidence that he has used the entire proceeds of his efforts to defray his own personal needs.

**Man by a Dog.**  
About 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon a newsboy named Taylor, living at 407 West Seventh Street, was severely bitten by a dog belonging to Mrs. Johnson, of Sixth and Decatur Streets. The dog caught the lad by the leg and it was with some difficulty that it was made to release his hold. The injury, while painful, is not considered dangerous.

**Famously Poisoned.**  
An entire family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Lacey and their two little daughters, Catherine and Emily, living at 51 North Eighth Street, were poisoned yesterday by a canned salmon. All of them were made ill, and little Emily late yesterday evening was not out of danger.

**Assembly Committee.**  
There was a meeting last night of the Alms House and Poor Committees, but nothing of special interest was done.

The Board of Aldermen will meet to-night in regular session in the Council chamber.

Mrs. J. B. Priddy, of 208 West Eighth Street, is spending the month of August in Amelia county.

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**LITTLE GERMAN GIRL VAINLY WAITS BETROTHED**

Marta Oertel May Be Sent Back to Hamburg Because Max Did Not Come.

**NEW YORK, August 16.**—Poor little Marta Oertel, of Hamburg, may have to return to Germany because of the dilatoriness or the fickleness of her sweetheart. She arrived yesterday morning on the Hamburg-American liner Cincinnati, and expected to find Max Oertel, of this city, on the wharf waiting for her. Max was not there.

All the way over Marta has been so happy, blithely singing and telling her fellow-passengers how she was coming over to America to marry the sweetheart of her childhood. Now she sits alone on the deck of the big liner, alternately weeping and peering with longing eyes along the darkened dock for the man who failed to come.

Marta Oertel had gone ashore, the last welcome given, but there was no Max to welcome Marta, and the immigration officials would not permit her to land, and say that if Max does not come to fetch her she must go back to Hamburg.

**INTRODUCED TO BROTHER**

Sister and He Mourned Each Other for Thirty Years.

**ANSONIA, CONN., August 16.**—After mourning each other as dead for thirty years brother and sister met on Friday under peculiar circumstances.

David E. Shaw, a resident of this city, went to Light House Point with the Methodist Church excursion, and, being a member of the committee, his name was called on arrival of the party by tolliey.

A woman who stood by watching the excursionists disembark asked one of the women for an introduction to Shaw, stating that he was her maiden name. Mrs. W. W. Wigham was fully introduced and after exclaiming: "Is that you David?" all a fainting. When she recovered Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Wigham compared notes, and before 500 piers embraced.

Mrs. Wigham and her brother separated in Boston thirty years ago. The girl went to Amsterdam, N. Y. Twenty years ago, she went to Light House Point, and Mr. Shaw located in this city. Light House Point is about thirteen miles from here.

**FIVE DIE FROM FEET UPWARD**

Queer Blood-Poisoning Drives All Boys to Resuming Shoes.

**TERRE HAUTE, MO., August 16.**—The death of William O. Weldele by blood-poisoning from a trivial scratch of the skin of his foot attracts more attention to the peculiar malady which has caused five deaths here recently from injuries to feet. The brass setting of a shirt stud slipped into his shoe and scratched his toe. His foot was amputated and on Friday night he died.

A boy with a foot cut by glass died of blood poisoning. A Mrs. Fishard's foot was injured and amputation failed to save her life. Constable Frank Anthony had blood-poisoning from a badly pared toe nail. His was amputated. A boy who begged permission to go barefooted are now begging for shoes.

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